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### REMARKS

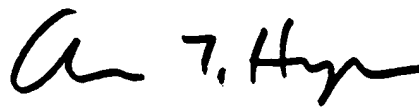
Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 5, 9, and 10 are indicated to be allowable. The Applicant is grateful for the telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney on March 8, 2006.

The limitations of claim 5 are now inserted into claim 1, and claim 5 has been cancelled. Also, the words "the outer surface" are deleted from claim 1 for purposes of clarity. Also, the words "as a screw" are deleted from the independent claims (this feature is not novel in view of the *Mudryk* reference).

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the present amended claims are novel and patentable. Early allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited. Applicant would be grateful if the Examiner would please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone if the Examiner detects anything in the present response that might hinder a speedy allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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